



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 03/02/2016 TIME: 1:31PM LOCATION: Room 150

MEETING CALLED BY	Mr. Terry Hutchens
BOARD ATTENDEES	Hugh Overholt, Andrew Perkins, Lou Wetmore, Jim Crawford, Malcom K. Fearing, Gus Tulloss, Jeff Sheehan, Tracy F. Dodson, James R. Palermo, Jack Debnam

AGENDA TOPICS

1. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES - CHAIR HUTCHENS	
DISCUSSION SUMMARY	Mr. Hutchens moved to approve the February 2016 ED&IR Committee Meeting minutes, Mr. Perkins seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
ACTIONS TAKEN	Approval of February Meeting Minutes

2. ROLE OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE STATE'S TOURISM ECONOMIES	
DISCUSSION SUMMARY	Wilt Tuttle, the Executive Director of NC Tourism was asked to present the role transportation plays in the tourism industry in the state by the EDIR Committee. Wilt began by stating the tourism is a \$21 Billion industry in the state and helps contribute to a billion dollars to the state's tax base. Relating the stats to transportation, 80% of visitors travel via car and 1/3 of all tourism spending is related to transportation. When asked by board members what more can be done to help the tourism industry, Wilt added that redundancy to networks is a reoccurring topic brought up by Coastal and Mountain communities. Chair Hutchens and Vice-Chair Overholt thanked Wilt for his insight and for helping the committee better understand a major sector in the state's economy.
ACTIONS TAKEN	The summary was received.

3. MEETING ADJOURNED – CHAIR HUTCHENS	
DISCUSSION SUMMARY	Meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.
ACTIONS TAKEN	